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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB243

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 243 (SB 243), which proposes significant changes to Oregon's firearm laws. While I understand the intent to enhance public safety, I believe this bill infringes upon the constitutional rights of law-abiding Oregonians, lacks evidence to support its effectiveness, and places undue burdens on responsible gun owners.

SB 243's proposed 72-hour waiting period for firearm purchases violates the Second Amendment rights of Oregonians. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental protection under both the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions. These measures disproportionately affect law-abiding citizens who seek firearms for self-defense, hunting, or sport, without addressing the root causes of gun violence.